



PACIFIC GATEWAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT NETWORK LOCAL RESOURCES TIP OF THE WEEK 10/08/08

LOGISTICS/GOODS MOVEMENT - TRUCK DRIVING

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Contact: Skills / Solutions Team :

Recruitment Criteria

- Age 21 and Older; (age 22+ at many companies) ▪ Some require 3 - 5 yrs truck driving experience
- H.S. Grad preferred by many companies
- Sufficient English skills to read road signs, prepare reports, written test, communicate with law enforcement, public
- No felony convictions involving use of motor vehicle; crime using drugs; DUI; hit & run driving resulting in injury/death
- Able to pass DMV/DOT physical & drug screen

Driver Training Program Highlights

- Classroom & on-the-job training provided by many private & public career technical schools or by trucking companies
- Training on large vehicle driving, inspection, laws & regulations, loading, company policies, delivery forms & records
- Training on working with hazardous materials, safety measures and equipment

Job Opportunities

- Entry level to experienced; may begin as a driver's helper, loading & unloading, or start by driving panel trucks
- With experience, advance to larger, heavier trucks and tractor-trailers
- Driving experience (civilian or military) can be helpful
- Average Hourly Wage Range \$735 / week; typical range \$440 - \$990 / week
- Truck Drivers (Heavy & Tractor-Trailer) = 48.8% of total employment of this industry; Light/Delivery Drivers = 4.2

Suitability Assessment Questions

Why do you feel truck driving would be a good fit for you?

Do you have an interest in local or long distance delivery?

What have you done in the past that has prepared you for a career in the trucking industry?

Can you work overtime and/or split, weekend and night shifts?

Can you lift 50 - 90 lbs, sit for prolonged time periods, climb, bend, stoop, use both upper extremities?

Can you follow stringent safety procedures to minimize occupational hazards?

Can you work effectively outside in prevailing weather conditions, with exposure to fumes, loud noises?

Do you have math skills? Can you perform basic math, algebra, geometry, calculator usage?

Can you work long hours, driving in all kinds of weather, traffic, road conditions?

Do you have good hearing, at least 20/40 vision with glasses or corrective lenses, 70-degree field of vision, not color blind?

Do you have good time management and judgement skills, capable of working independently?